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AIRFIELDS OF SICILY & SARDINIA ATTACKED

Many Enemy Planes Destroyed: Great Damage To Buildings And Shipping

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, (Sunday):—The North-West African Air Force bombed Trapani and Olbia in Sardinia on Friday night, says the Allied communique to-day.

It adds that bombs were dropped on marshalling yards and several fires were started. "Yesterday heavy and medium bombers of Strategic Air Force attacked air-fields in Sardinia. Flying Fortresses escorted by Lightnings bombed the air-field at Chilivani, while Mitchells and Marauders with escorts of Lightnings and Warhawks attacked Alghero, Mili and Capoterra airfields. Other P-38 and P-40's attacked wireless stations, gun emplacements and other targets in Sardinia. Mitchells, Bostons and Baltimores of Tactical Air Force escorted by Warhawks attacked the Sicilian airfields at Milo, Sciacca and Comiso. Dispersal areas and administrative buildings were well covered with bombs. During these operations ten enemy aircraft were destroyed in combat. Nine of ours are missing."

ENEMY PLANES LOST OR DAMAGED

VALETTA, (Malta) July 4.

Sunday's R.A.F. communique states: "Yesterday our fighter Bombers with an escort of Spitfires attacked Biscari aerodrome in Sicily. A direct hit was scored on a building and other bombs were seen to burst among buildings on the east side of the aerodrome and dispersal areas. One Messerschmitt 109 attempted to intercept and was destroyed. Several others were damaged. Our Spitfires also provided cover for medium bombers which carried out an attack on Comiso aerodrome in Sicily. Bombs fell in the dispersal areas, and on administration buildings.

ALGIERS:— Planes of the North African Air Force attacked Sicilian and Sardinian airfields on Saturday in greater strength and in greater numbers than have been used against the Axis islands defences, since the terrific attacks which caused the fall of Pantellaria and Lampedusa, says Reuter's special correspondent. Great damage to buildings and parked aircraft on both islands was inflicted by heavy and medium bombers of both Tactical and Strategic Air Forces which co-operated in the attacks.

ACK ACK FIRING

IN SARDINIA THE ATTACKERS MET WITH LITTLE FIGHTER OPPOSITION, BUT DETERMINED FIGHTER DEFENCE AND SOME OF THE HEAVIEST ACK ACK FIRE EVER EXPERIENCED BY THE VETERAN PILOTS GREETED THE ALLIED PLANES OVER SICILY. TEN AXIS PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN DURING FIERCE AIR-BATTLES FOR THE LOSS OF NINE ALLIED MACHINES.

Photographs taken yesterday over Trapani Sicily, after Friday night's raid by Wellingtons showed that the Italians are blowing up the quays there themselves. This is the most significant indication of the rapidly growing Axis anxiety over the possibility of Allied landings on Axis territory.

STRONG ENEMY OPPOSITION

South African pilots joined the Americans in taking medium and fighter bombers over the air fields at Comiso, Sciacca and Milo in Sicily on Saturday against strong Axis fighter opposition. In addition to aerodrome targets, the fighter-bombers attacked various ground objectives and shipping and left two small ships on fire after strafing.

"LIDOS OF ROME" RAIDED

ROME:—Allied bombers have raided Sicily and Sardinia and were over the suburbs of Rome, says an Italian communique on Sunday.

"Last night a formation of enemy bomber dropped several bombs on Ostia and Fiumicino. Enemy planes later flew over the suburbs of Rome" says the communique.

Ostia and Fiumicino are both about 10 miles south-west of Rome. Ostia is a port of 5,500 inhabitants near the mouth of the Tiber. Fiumicino is just north of Ostia. Both places are known as "Lidos" of Rome.

COLOGNE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS RAIDED

Deutz Plant Among Targets

R.A.F.'S DASH TOWARDS CONTINENT

LONDON.: Squadrons of aircraft crossed the Channel early on Sunday evening to continue the day's offensive over the continent.—

Shortly after midday a strong force of aircraft passed over Folkestone and crossed the sunny straits of Dover towards Northern France. The planes flying at between 15,000 and 20,000 feet were in closely packed formation.

CLASH NEAR BRUSSELS

R.A.F. Fighter Command intruders harassed the Luftwaffe over their bases in occupied territory during the night, it was officially stated on Sunday. One Dornier 217 was destroyed over Saint Trond Airfield, near Brussels.

An Air Ministry communique on Sunday said "last night aircraft of the Bomber Command in great strength attacked Kalk and Deutz, the industrial districts of Cologne on the east bank of the Rhine. Preliminary reports indicate that the bombing was well concentrated.

Bombs were also dropped on objectives in Hamburg and in the Ruhr, and mines were laid in enemy waters. Aircraft of the Fighter Command carried out intruder patrols over Holland, Belgium and France. One enemy aircraft was destroyed. 32 of our bombers are missing."

Last night's big raid on the industrial districts of Cologne follows the great attack six nights ago when the R.A.F. undid all the reconstruction work the Germans had put in since the 1,000-bomber raid in May 1942. Cologne's industrial suburbs on the east bank of the Rhine, two of which were the main targets of last night's attack, are very important to the German war-machine. The most important plant at Deutz is the Kloeckner Humbolt-Deutz Motoren Company's factory, probably the largest manufacturers of Diesel engines in Germany.

Italian Anti-Fascists Mobilise

LONDON, July 3.

Details of an Italian democratic opposition party called "Action Party" have reached London.

The party claims to unite all anti-Fascist opposition groups in Italy except the Communist Party. It defines its attitude to the latter in a statement saying that it disagrees with the final programme of the Communist Party "but like the Communists we intend to emphasise that which unites us, rather than that which divides us. We believe we have a common road to tread."

The party was responsible for a general strike in Turin in March when 40 factories closed down for one week and according to "a student of Europe" in today's (Sunday's) observer, its leaders appear to be men "of mature political experience and acumen."—Reuter.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Our Own Correspondent reports from New Delhi: Five new Labour Bills are being planned for disposal by the Central Assembly during the July session. Three of them are amending bills, while two others are new ones and relate to holidays with pay and recognition of Trade Unions formed—securing for industrial workers fifteen days holidays with pay every year, while the latter is designed to set up Representative Boards for granting certificate of recognition to Trade Unions. The three other bills seek to amend Indian Factory Act, Trade Disputes Act and payment of Wages Act.

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KARACHI: Mr. K. Punniah Editor of the "Sind Observer" was re-elected President of the Sind Journalists' Association for the coming year at its general body meeting held this evening at Buyers' and Shippers' Chambers building.

The meeting also passed a resolution requesting the Sind Government to release some Sind Journalists, who are at present detained as security prisoners.—A. P.

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Our Own Correspondent in Ahmedabad says: The District Muslim League has strongly protested against the attitude of the Municipal School Board administrator in taking Muslim students in the United Nations Day celebrations held on 14th June, without the consent of their parents.

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AMRITSAR: A meeting of the Working Committee of the Shiromani Akali Dal, Master Tara Singh presiding, formally ratified the agreement reached between him and the Maharaja of the Tikka Raja of Kapurthala State regarding certain grievances of the Sikhs against the State.—A. P.

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Safe Across The Atlantic

Shore-To-Shore Air-Cover Helps Convoy

LONDON, July 3.

An Admiralty and Air Ministry 'communique' on Saturday states: "Complete shore-to-shore air-cover provided by carrier-borne aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm working in co-operation with land-based aircraft, a few weeks ago, assured the passage of another valuable convoy across the Atlantic without interference from powerful forces of U-boats. The convoy was also protected by surface-escorts under the command of Commander M. J. Evans in the destroyer 'Keppel'. Close air-cover was provided during the initial stage of the passage. The Mid-Atlantic air-gap between the extreme escorting ranges of these shore-based aircraft was bridged by "Sordfish" and "Martlet" aircraft from the escort-carrier 'Archer' (acting Captain James Ian Robertson). In a series of attacks which extended over two days, one U-boat was destroyed, another probably destroyed and others may have been damaged.—Reuter.

British Convoy Outlives Attack Of Luftwaffe

LISBON, July 3.

The story of how a British Convoy on the way from Great Britain to Gibraltar was attacked every day by the Luftwaffe and U-Boats which were stationed all along the Convoy's route was disclosed here to-day with the arrival of four cargoes of coal which were part of the convoy. The convoy was escorted by several warships and one aircraft carrier and so far four U-Boats are known to have been destroyed. A large number of German planes were also destroyed and others damaged. It is stated that despite heavy attacks during four days the Convoy lost only two ships with two others damaged. Losses among the crews are small in proportion.

Up to a late hour to-night (Saturday) no confirmation is obtainable in London.—Reuter.

Gurkha Captain Lures Japanese Force

NEW DELHI, July 3.

A Press Note says: How an Officer Commanding a Gurkha Patrol neatly lured a Japanese force larger than his own into an ambush is described in the citation accompanying the recently announced immediate award of the M. C. to Captain James William Arkell, 5th Royal Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force).

After leading his patrol across the River Chindwin, Capt. Arkell searched the headman's house in a village where he found three British rifles and a number of documents. He also arrested an enemy agent and two suspects. Learning that there was an enemy force in the neighbourhood, Capt. Arkell withdrew his men, first making sure that the villagers were aware of his route. His next move was to lay an ambush along the route, "baiting" the trap with a Japanese helmet which he had captured on a previous patrol, and which he now placed in the middle of the track. At this time Capt. Arkell's party consisted of only 19 men.

Following up the patrol's withdrawal, the enemy, about 50 strong, ran straight into the ambush. At least 17 Japanese were killed for certain.

Capt. Arkell then sent back a portion of his patrol but he himself with eleven men remained out in the tope of contacting the enemy again. Moving by night, he located the enemy's camp and sniped it from midnight until dawn, drawing strong L.M.G. and mortar fire in reply. By the time the enemy were ready to put in a big attack on his position, Capt. Arkell and his men had slipped away and re-crossed the Chindwin.

"Throughout the long and arduous patrol, his personal example and disregard of danger were an inspiration to all ranks and he showed determination and ingenuity of a high order in his effort to keep touch with and inflict casualties on the enemy", states the citation.—A. P.

Myitnge Bridge Attacked

NEW DELHI, July 4.

B-25 medium bombers of the 10th U. S. Air Force on July 3 successfully attacked Myitnge Railroad Bridge in Burma, says a communique issued from Rear Echelon Headquarters, United States Army Forces, China, Burma, India. Many hits were observed and photographs shows the south span destroyed and extensive damage to remaining spans.

Our heavy bombers yesterday dropped bombs on the industrial area of Myingyan. Clouds prevented the observation of results.—A. P.

U.S. PLANES TO RAID JAPAN

CHUNGKING, July 4.

Planes of the United States 14th Air Force based in China will fly over Japan many times during the coming year, Major-General Chennault, Commanding the United States Air Force, said on Saturday.

Continued heavy fighting in the suburbs of Ouchikou is reported in Saturday night's Chinese communique.—Reuter.

Goering Seriously Ill

STOCKHOLM, July 3.

The Goetsborg newspaper "Handels Och Sjoefarts Tidning" quoting to-day what are said to be reliable sources says that Field-Marshal Goering is seriously ill.

He is said to be suffering from nervous breakdown and serious heart trouble. On Thursday his condition was stated to be very bad and his wife is now at his bedside night and day.

Keitel Replaces Goering

According to reports from Germany on Thursday night which have now reached here Goering's condition was then inspiring grave anxiety.

The newspaper says the Chief of the High Command of the German Armed Forces, Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel has replaced Goering as member of the Reich Defence Council.

WHEN GOVT. TURN TRADERS

KARACHI, July 4.

It is learnt that the Government of Sind have made a profit of Rs. 50 lakhs during the last three months by trading in the surplus food produce of the Province.—United Press.

Release Abdul Ghaffar Khan

PESHAWAR, July 4.

Rai Bahadur Mehrchand Khanna, M.L.A., President of the Frontier Provincial Hindu Sabha, has released to the Press two letters addressed by him to Sardar Aurangzeb Khan, the Premier.

In one of the letters the writer demands the release of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, the eight Congress M.L.A.'s and Congressmen from jail forthwith.

He says: "Your claim that the Province is becoming League-minded can only be justified when you allow the same facilities in the matter of propaganda to your opponents also, and they are given the same opportunities as members of the Muslim League would enjoy".

In the other letter the Rai Bahadur seeks to know whether the Frontier Ministry is a League Ministry or a Coalition Ministry, the coalition being between the League Party and the Akali Party. He further seeks to know whether any understanding has been given by the Premier to Sardar Ajit Singh, the Sikh Minister, or any member of the Akali Party that no resolution in favour of Pakistan will be introduced in the Frontier Assembly.—United Press.

FIVE DAYS' JAIL FOR MAKING GUNS

MIRAJ, July 4.

Krishna Chandrappa Lohar has been sentenced to five days' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 5 under the Indian Arms Act for preparing guns.

One Marutrao Pawar and his son have been arrested for alleged purchasing 'Bajri' from Government grain shops and selling it at higher prices.—United Press.

SEVEN POLITICALS RELEASED.

CHAPRA, July 4.

Mr. Rameshwar Singh, pleader, detained since the August disturbances, has been released unconditionally from the Motihari extra jail. The other security prisoners released from the same jail the same day are Tribhuvan Singh of Gopalganja Saran and Kapildeva Narayan Singh of Silout.

Shambhu Prasad Srivastava, Maharaj Rai, Lomal Singh and Rambriksna Prasad, all political prisoners, were released the same evening from the Motihari District Jail after serving their full terms of imprisonment.—United Press.

Gen. Giraud Flies To Washington

LONDON, July 4.

Algier's radio said on Sunday "Gen. Giraud is on his way to Washington, accompanied by Major Baufre and Major Poniatowski. Gen. Giraud has appointed Gen. Blanc to the Command of French North African and French West Africa during his absence."

NEW YORK: Gen. Giraud is flying to Washington in response to an invitation from President Roosevelt, according to a Rio de Janeiro despatch. His visit is understood to be military rather than political, and he is expected to confer with high military officials in Washington as well as with the President.—Reuter.

Prevented Becoming Another Indo-China

MELBOURNE, July 4.

The French General Henri Montchamp, who has relinquished the Governorship of New Caledonia in order to serve actively under Gen. de Gaulle in North Africa declared in an interview that Gen. de Gaulle had prevented New Caledonia from becoming another Indo-China, saving rich nickel chrome mines for the Allies.—Reuter.

Japs Worsted In Bitoi Area

Air-Battles Rage From Celebes To Rendova

Allied Headquarters in South-west Pacific:—Air battles ranging from Celebes in the Dutch West Indies to Rendova in New Georgia Islands are reported in Sunday morning's communique.

At Nassau Bay in New Guinea the area south of the south arm of the Bitoi River is reported clear of Japanese troops. The ground situation in the Nassau Bay area remained quiet. Four Japanese fighters and one bomber were shot down here.

In the Salamaua area sharp patrol clashes continue.

From New Guinea sharp patrol clashes are reported from Orodubi which is about half way on the Japanese supply trial running from Salamaua to Mubo. The country hereabouts is mountainous and covered with dense jungle making any progress necessarily slow.

Yesterday, for the second day in succession Japanese planes attacked a small Allied convoy in the Arafura sea between the north of Australia and New Guinea but a top cover of Hudson aircraft and Beaufighters were in attendance and again drove the Japanese attackers away.

MACARTHUR CONDUCTS OPERATION

Allied Headquarters in South-west Pacific:—An official announcement says "General MacArthur is personally conducting operations in New Guinea.

TROBRIAND AND WOODLARK ISLANDS OCCUPIED

Allied Head Quarters, South-west Pacific: General MacArthur took direct charge of the operations resulting in the occupation of Trobriand and Woodlark Islands the importance of which he had impressed on the members of the landing parties before they sailed from New Guinea.—Reuter.

INDIANS RELEASED FROM AXIS CAPTIVITY

NEW DELHI, July 3.

Straight from close captivity and forced labour and weak from long periods on poor food, nearly a hundred men of all ranks of the Indian Army, released from Axis hands in Libya and Italy, are now safely back in this country.

Capt. F. P. Gazdar, I.A.M.C., was one of the repatriated doctors, who was taken prisoner with a field ambulance unit in the Western Desert just over a year ago.

"I have lived my happiest moment," he said. "No matter how old I become nor what pleasures life may hold in the future, nothing can exceed for sheer joy that moment when I saw the shores of India on the horizon."

BR. 'REDS' ON INDIAN ISSUE

LONDON, July 3.

An emergency resolution on the Indian situation carried by the Communist Party Congress today urged the Government to take the initiative for a settlement with India and for this purpose take the following immediate steps:

Release all anti-Fascist political prisoners,

Give facilities for representatives of various political bodies to meet in order that they can formulate their joint proposals for the establishment of Provisional National Government, and

Open negotiations with Indian leaders with a view to establishment of a representative Indian National Government as the ally of the United Nations.

Mr. J. R. Scott, moving the resolution said that the old system and old methods must go.

The Indian delegate, Mr. Krishna Menon, said that despite the appointment of Field-Marshal Wavell as the Viceroy of India there had been no change of spirit towards India in White Hall.—Reuter.

FOUR PER CENT BONDS

NEW DELHI, July 4.

A communique:...The outstanding balance of the four percent bonds 1943, will be repaid on July 31, 1943, and no interest will accrue on the bonds from 1st August 1943. Details of procedure for obtaining discharge value can be obtained on application to any public debt office, branch of the Imperial Bank of India, or Treasury from which interest was last drawn.—A. P.

MADAME CHIANG RETURNS

CHUNGKING: Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek returned to Chungking on Sunday.

STOP PRESS

REDS' ATTACK SOUTH OF VELIKIE LUKI

LONDON, July 4.

The German News Agency tonight said the Russians have attacked with nearly a brigade of tanks south of Velikie Luki which is 80 miles from the Latvian border. The attack had some initial success.—Reuter.

CANBERRA: The President of the Australian Senate, Senator James Cunningham died here on Sunday from heart failure.—Reuter.

Naval Clash In Pacific

American And Japanese Fleets Come To Grips: Attempt To Shell Rendova Foiled

LONDON, July 3.

The United States and Japanese fleets have come to grips for the first time in a three-day-old battle for the islands in the South-West Pacific.

JAPS DRIVEN OFF

The Japanese force of three cruisers and four destroyers, which tried to shell American positions on Rendova Island in the Central Solomons early to-day, was engaged by ships of the U. S. Navy. The Japanese made off "in short order" according to the Navy Department 'communique' issued in Washington.

Observers in Washington believe that American ships may have chased the Japanese force out of the immediate area and that the battle is possibly still going on.

TOKYO MOVE

Reports received in Washington indicate that the Japanese would send powerful naval forces from Truk 800 miles north of Rabaul in an attempt to prevent the Allies from gaining their objectives in the Solomons. It is nearly 1,000 miles across the sea to West Australia and American troops are together converging on Salamaua guarding the western approaches to Rabaul.

Severe fighting is going on in the region of Bobdubi a few miles south of Salamaua.—Reuter.

ALLIED ADVANCE IN NEW GUINEA

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, July 3.

Allied forces in the Nassau Bay sector have reached a point from which they can see Salamaua. Australians pushing eastward across the Komiatum tract have gained advantageous positions on ridges near Francusco river.

Big Bag Of Jap Ships

WASHINGTON: One thousand thirty-one Japanese ships have been probably sunk or damaged by the United States Navy and Forces under Gen. MacArthur's Command in the South-West Pacific, between December 7, 1941, and July 2, 1943.—

WARSHIPS TOTAL

An analysis of Japanese 'Naval' losses shows that 2 battleships, 6 aircraft-carriers, 24 cruisers, 62 destroyers, 6 submarines, one tender and 24 other ships, making a total of 125 have been sunk by the United States Naval Forces. Vessels probably sunk include one aircraft-carrier, 4 cruisers and 18 destroyers. Of vessels damaged 9 were battleships, 7 aircraft-carriers, 47 cruisers, 62 destroyers and 6 submarines. Japanese warships probably sunk total 28 and those damaged 152.

U. S. NAVAL LOSSES

United States Naval losses up to July 2 total 101 warships. Among United States ships sunk are one battleship, 4 aircraft-carriers, 7 cruisers and 23 destroyers.

Air Battles Over 2,000-Mile Front

From Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Headquarters, South-West Pacific:—

Air battles and big air attacks are reported to-day over a front of 2,000 miles. These range from the New Georgia group through New Guinea to Timor and the Celebes in the Netherlands Indies.

In the early hours of Saturday morning Japanese light cruisers and destroyers bombarded American positions on Rendova island but the shelling was ineffectual and the Japanese retired when Allied naval units advanced to the attack.

CRIPPS WAY TO VICTORY

BIRMINGHAM, July 3.

The Minister of Aircraft production Sir Stafford Cripps said at a Birmingham 'Wings For Victory' luncheon: "We see today further evidence of an offensive developing in the Pacific. We still have to relieve our great ally China in the Far East at the earliest moment we can."

He added that the Allies had resolved to fight their way to victory by quality not quantity.—Reuter.

Reds Break Into German Trenches

MOSCOW, July 4: Sunday's Soviet communique states "during the night of 3rd July nothing of importance took place at the front."

A supplement to the above reports only scouting activity along the front. On the western part of the front Soviet scouts penetrated German minefields and barbed wire entanglements by night and broke into German trenches.

In the Byelgorod area Soviet scouts raided German positions. On one sector of the Volkhov front the Germans attempted to reconnoitre Soviet positions, but were driven off by Red Army men after a short engagement.

HOT TIME FOR ENEMY?

From Reuter's Special Correspondent at Moscow:—

The hot weether elong the southern front may be the prelude to a hot time for the Germans holding the so-called Rommel Line—extending from Novorossisk and the Taman Peninsult to Teganrog.

Annie Besant Memorial

MADRAS, July 4.

Secretary, Dr. Besant Memorial Committee, in a communication to the press, states that the Government has granted a plot of land in the city for the erection of Dr. Annie Besant's statue for which the public had generously contributed and that the Corporation of Madras has agreed to accept the gift and maintain it. The statue is nearing completion.—A. P.

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All-India Weather

POONA, July 4.

Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours on 30-6-1943:—

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"Swaraj is my birth-right and I will have it".

—TILAK.

The Bombay Chronicle

CLOTH SUPPLY

Presiding over the All-India Piecegoods and Yarn Merchants' Conference held in Bombay on Saturday, Mr. Gordhandas G. Morarji remarked that "if any party is responsible for the high prices of cloth and yarn, it is fundamentally the Government." This view is substantially accepted by the public as well as businessmen. Government's responsibility rests mainly on their long delay in controlling cloth, on their failure to provide transport facilities for the conveyance of cotton and cloth and on their permitting huge exports of cloth. Commenting on this last point, Mr. Gordhandas pointed out how large stocks of cloth produced in this country have been exported through the agency of the semi-government concern like the U. K. C. C. and said: "Government do not publish statistics of exports on account of war reasons, but people connected with different trades are well aware of the various devices under which goods of this country, valued at crores of rupees, have been exported out of India." Millowners, too, have often expressed the same view.

The worst of it is that even under the present control scheme there is room for indefinite leakage through exports. The Export Committee of the Textile Control Board has recommended to Government that exports should be substantially reduced, "aiming at such a maximum figure as the Committee consider reasonable in the present circumstances", that negotiations should be opened with countries like Australia, South Africa and Egypt, which have been discriminating against India. The Committee has also recommended that unless such discrimination is dropped within a reasonable time, exports of cloth and yarn should be banned to those countries, and that Government should levy a substantial export duty on cloth and yarn exported for the duration of the war. Now, the questions of discrimination and export duty should not be allowed to side-track the main one whether there should be exports at all. We would suggest that the exports must be suspended for about a year, that is, till the present crisis is tided over. If for any reason there must be exports they should be just as much as are necessary for military purposes and to maintain contacts with our foreign markets. There must be some such principle in regulating the quantity of exports. Things must not be left entirely to the discretion of Government. Nor must the figures of exports be withheld from the public. Retaliation against countries discriminating against India is a matter of course. If exports are at all permitted, the duty on all exports must be high enough to discourage them.

As regards the standard cloth for the poor, Mr. Krishnaraj M. D. Thackersey, Chairman of the Control Board, stated at a press conference on Friday that 50 per cent of the looms in India were already, or would soon be, producing this type of cloth. Such assurances have often been given before but the scheme as a whole is still in an incipient stage. Nor does one feel sure that the price and quality of the cloth will be satisfactory. No scheme of cloth control can be satisfactory, so far as the public is concerned, so long as production of cloth is not increased and its price is not reduced substantially. The composition of the Textile Control Board, on which the millowners have secured excessive representation, cannot inspire public confidence until consumers as well as other interests so far ignored are adequately represented on it. What is most regrettable is that Provincial Government are not making any serious attempts to organise hand-spinning, though its need is now greater than ever before. Private agencies are afraid to undertake heavy responsibilities in this connection for they have reason to fear that Government may at any time bring them to grief on the suspicion that they may commit prejudicial acts. The sorry state of things about cloth supply, like that of several others, only shows what calamities follow the absence of a truly National Government at the centre in the present times. We cannot help repeating that without such a Government no major problem can be solved satisfactorily.

South Pacific Offensive

The American offensive in South-west Pacific is going as well as could have been expected. Except for air attacks on Rendova and some ineffective shelling of American positions there the Japs have not yet reacted in any striking manner. This is not to say they will not. And Mr. Elmer Davis of the American Office of War Information has done the wise thing in uttering a timely warning against undue optimism that may arise from the successful launching of the offensive and the achievements of the U.S. Air force against the Japs over Rendova. The fact is that the struggle has yet to begin. It will be noticed from the change in the proportion of air losses that the Japs are stiffening in the air. As to the land battle it is going to be joined only now both in New Guinea and New Georgia.

The great thing so far is that the Americans, as a New York paper points out have been able to launch an offensive after being on the defensive for so long. It shows that the "arsenal" has now begun supplying the front in the desired quantity and that the initiative now taken by the Americans will remain firmly in their hands and will continue to expand. The processes of pushing the Jap backwards has begun. But the fight will be tough and will grow in fury and difficulty as the push progresses. Even the outlying bases like Salamaua and Munda will take time and considerable effort to capture. Mr. Davis's warning is, therefore, timely. Interest, incidentally, has quite naturally been aroused in the report of Jap naval intervention at Rendova. And there is keen speculation whether during the next few days the South-west Pacific will see a great naval battle. Such a battle on the scale of Midway, for instance, will have immense strategical potentiality. But will the Japanese walk into the trap? They have had bitter experience of disasters which they have suffered by risking naval units in areas within the range of shore-based Allied aircraft. It is, therefore, still doubtful whether they would try to save their positions in New Guinea and the Solomans and even Rabaul itself by jeopardising sea power which has, relatively to the Americans, already weakened so much.

Why?

The London correspondent of the "Hindu" states: "Investigation by the United Press regarding the publication of Mahatma Gandhi's letter dated September 23, 1942, reveals that the letter was never released to the English press when the Viceroy-Gandhi correspondence was published." If the fact is as stated, the earlier suppression of this letter, which gives the lie direct to many of the charges levelled against Gandhiji, was most unfortunate. One also feels that the suppression was deliberate and not accidental. Even in India the letter was published in February 1943 when Gandhiji's fast made its publication inevitable. If it had been published earlier, Gandhiji's uncompromising adhesion to non-violence, as proclaimed therein, would have done much to check the disturbances in the country, as, indeed, it did even after its belated publication. Why did Government try to suppress it as long as possible? Why?

FRANKLY SPEAKING

An Italian Admission

The Rome Radio says that Palermo "has been bombed until the city is very nearly completely ruined and can be considered useless as far as the effort is concerned." This is a very interesting admission of the destructive success of Allied air power and if Palermo has suffered so much, practically the same ought to be the plight of Messina and Reggio di Calabria, the two ends of the important ferry service between Sicily and Italy. Palermo on the north-west coast of Sicily and Messina on the north-east are the two major supply ports for the island. If they are rendered useless, Sicily will now face a situation approaching a blockade.

Interesting Report

But that is not all. Since the victory of Tunisia, Allied Air Forces have been hammering, though rather intermittently, harbours, bases, aerodromes and communications in Sicily, Sardinia and Southern Italy. The effect has been devastating enough to compel the Italians often enough to admit "heavy" and also "extensive damage." The process of "softening up" of Sicily and Sardinia may, therefore, be regarded as having achieved considerable success. What next? In this connection it is interesting to note that, according to the latest reports, medium bombers of the Tactical Air Force—the Force that is used for actual land battles—has been over Sicily for the first time after the fall of Pantelleria. Does this indicate that the Battle of the Mediterranean Island is about to begin?

Profiteering By Landlords

As the landlords have been prohibited from increasing rents below Rs. 80/ p. m. due to Rent Restrictions Act, they have found out a novel method of harassing tenants. Recently, some landlords have served notices on their tenants demanding increase in electricity charges per unit and also in meter rent. It is a matter of sheer profiteering and pure harassment of tenants whose plight has already been miserable beyond imagination, due to enormous rise in prices of commodities. It is absolutely necessary for Government to investigate into this matter and put effective restrictions on the nefarious activities of landlords and safeguard the interests of tenants.

A VICTIM

Shaw On Hitler Phobias

So says George Bernard Shaw: "Hitler's phobias began with Hapsburg phobia, which developed into Slavphobia, then into Jewishphobia, Marx phobia, Social Democrat phobia, Pole phobia, Czech phobia and Bolshevik phobia; and has ended with a mankind phobia, from which only the Central Germans are excepted!" But what about Hitler's Anglophobia and Americaphobia? And his recent Fascist phobia? Will not his phobias overtake Hitler—and that too before long?

B. F. BHARUCHA.

Bombay Fishery Department

Messrs. A. Karmally, Abdulla Soomar Shivji and other representatives representing launch-owners in the fish trade and proprietors of cold storage plants, intimately connected with the Department of Industries have sent a petition to Mr. H. K. Kirpalani, Adviser to Government of Bombay, in the course of which they say:

We have learnt with deep regret that Dr. S. B. Setna, Fisheries Officer, Bombay Government is leaving the Industries Department to join the Royal College of Science, as a professor of Zoology evidently for better prospects. This transfer has upset us greatly, as we shall be deprived of his active co-operation and long practical experience which has so far guided our work leading to great progress. His transfer at this juncture will be a great handicap to the future progress and development of our industry. We assert that had it not been for his goodwill and active devotion to his duties, Government's several schemes, specially the launch scheme would have never attained the present immense success. This scheme has without doubt, benefited every stage of the fishing industry—the fishermen, middle men, fish retailers, fish transporting agencies, consumers and owners of ice factories and cold storages in the city. His work has particularly enhanced Government revenues in the shape of Port Trust dues. In this respect last five years statistical figures from the Port Trust and Industries Department will speak for themselves. The ice factory and cold storage depots at Sassoon Dock (Bombay), Malvan (Ratnagiri) and Chendia (Kanara), which are playing such a useful part in the solution of their share of the food problem, are due entirely to Dr. Setna's foresight, active encouragement and advice. He is also responsible for the establishment of these ice factories which have greatly helped the fishing industry.

The existence of the shark oil industry in the province is also entirely due to his activities. This industry, has undoubtedly a great future even after the war when extensive schemes for its development can be taken in hand and when Dr. Setna's help and experience would prove invaluable. Shark livers which fetched the fishermen one piece per lb. before the shark oil industry was established on this side of the country can get now 3 to 4 annas per lb. which is really a boon to the poor fishermen.

Dr. Setna has helped the industry in many other ways for which we are indebted to him. It would be a great set-back to our industry should it be deprived of his services just at a moment when it could look forward to its expansion, both now and after the war. His transfer, will cause harm to our cause as we shall lose not only an experienced officer but one who is sympathetic and keenly understands and appreciates the difficulties and problems that face us.

We therefore beg to request that Government will kindly take the aforesaid facts into consideration before any action is taken by them. We beg to request that we may be assured of the continuity of his services to us and that no action is taken which may have the effect of retarding the present smooth progress of the industry, which we believe has a great future before it.

Cloth Control Order, "Impracticable And Ill-Conceived"

All-India Piecegoods And Yarn Merchants' Plea For "Workable Scheme"

Delegates to the All-India Piecegoods and Yarn Merchants' Association Conference discussed for more than six hours on Sunday the various provisions of the Cloth and Yarn Control Order of the Government of India and condemned the same outright. Though they welcomed the spirit and declared intentions of the Government underlying the Control Order which is to make available cloth at cheap rates, they were of the opinion that the Order was impracticable and ill-conceived and detrimental to the interests of the yarn and cloth merchants and of the consumers.

Seventeen resolutions condemning the Order and its provisions were unanimously adopted at Sunday's meeting. The first six resolutions were of a general character while the remaining ones related to the defects of the provisions of the order.

RESOLUTIONS

The following were the important resolutions:—

"This Conference welcomes the spirit and declared intentions underlying the Control Order, which is to make available to the people of this country cloth at cheap rates and is prepared to give whole-hearted support to any practicable and workable scheme which may be devised for the purpose of achieving this object. This Conference believes that in this stabilisation of prices of yarn and cloth at reasonably low levels lies the ultimate safety of the merchants besides affording much needed relief to the large section of the community.

"This Conference views with great concern the recent order for control of cloth and yarn trade in its present form as some of the provisions are impracticable and ill-conceived and have already created complications and confusions in the trade and are doubtful to benefit the consumers for whose interests it is said to have been promulgated.

This Conference desires to make it clear that the Government's financial and economic policy, uncontrolled exports, huge war supplies, absence of imports and above all, the policy of most of the mill owners extracting as high prices as possible from the merchants were largely responsible for high prices.

This Conference is of opinion that the present condition of rise in prices of cloth and yarn is greatly due to the unwise and ill-conceived economic and financial policy of the Government and therefore requests Government to revise this policy so as to prevent these unnatural conditions arising therefrom.

REVISION OF EXPORT POLICY URGED

The Conference notes with regret the provisions of the Control Order which do not seem to put any restrictions on the export of cloth and yarn from this country and therefore requests Government to revise their export policy and to prohibit or at least to effectively restrict export of commodities until the requirements of the civil population of the country are fulfilled.

The Conference regrets that no adequate representation is given to the cloth and yarn trade on the Textile Control Board and its Committee appointed by Government and records its emphatic protest against the stepmotherly treatment given by Government to these interests.

The Conference begs to point out to Government that it is not possible for merchants to open out all the bales of cloth and yarn in their stock as required by Clause 14 (1) of the Order as the same cannot be sold away or disposed of by retail sales before the stipulated time and the same will get damaged and spoiled before reaching the consumers involving the merchants in considerable loss and depriving the consumers of its use in such condition. This Conference therefore requests Government and the Control Board to reconsider their decision in this behalf and make necessary amendments in the Order so as not to compel the merchants to open out their entire stock from the bales.

This Conference also considers that the punishment of forfeiture of goods as mentioned in Clause 22 of the Order is too drastic, unequivocal and far from justice.

TIME LIMIT CLAUSE OPPOSED

This Conference is emphatically of the opinion that it is absolutely impracticable for all the wholesale and retail cloth and yarn merchants in the country to dispose of their entire stock within the time limits prescribed in the Order and therefore requests Government not to insist upon these time limits for wholesale or retail sales.

This Conference firmly believes that no scheme for control of cloth and yarn industry and trade will successfully work until proper booking facilities are given for the movement of goods within a reasonably short time, without which it will be impossible for the merchants to comply with the various provisions of the Order and add to the numerous difficulties arising therefrom.

EXEMPTION FOR SMALL DEALERS

By another resolution, the Conference requested Government to exempt small dealers from compliance of the provision to declare their stocks as it was inconvenient and difficult.

The provision in the Order authorising police sub-inspectors to search the premises of the dealers was characterised by Mr. Gordhandas G. Morarji, who presided as the most harassing one. A resolution that Textile Board Officers should accompany the police officers during search was adopted.

Mr. Sakalchand G. Shah observed that if the Millowners were really so solicitous about the consumers they could have reduced the prices before and even now they could lower their rate.

REAL CAUSES OF HIGH PRICES

Mr. Har Narayan Gopaldas, Chairman of the Reception Committee, in stated that the Government's initial policy, uncontrolled exports and the policy of the millowners in extracting as high prices as possible were mainly responsible for the high prices.

Mr. Lal Biharilal Channa observed that the Control Order had failed to relieve the miseries of the consumers.

Messrs. Manilal Mohra, Raoji Devchand, Tricumlal Mahasukhlal, Ram Narayan Chellaram and several other delegates also addressed the gathering.

The sessions concluded at about 6-30 p.m. and the president thanked the delegates and others for their co-operation.

HE HOAXED GOVT. OF SIND?

KARACHI, July 3.

A series of hoaxes by means of forged letters perpetrated on Government officials and the newspapers has culminated in the arrest by the Sind C.I.D. of a 22-year old youth named Uttamsingh Vallabhdas who was until recently a clerk in a Government office in Karachi.

From time to time during the last several months, letters written on Government stationery and bearing the forged signatures of high officers of the Government had been received by various recipients such as Prison Superintendents and newspaper editors and in some cases the orders were momentarily treated as genuine and acted upon. In one case the Sind Government Gazette was a victim and in another the "Sind Observer." In other cases the transfer of certain security prisoners was ordered from one jail to another.

There are altogether eleven charges against the accused including one of "warning" the public through the newspapers to "verify Government orders because there had been several forged letters recently." The case has been posted for hearing on July 14.—A.P.

Small States Merger Scheme

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT.

The scheme of attachment of Talukas of 5th class and below including the Agency administered area is in the process of implementation according to convenience. In Kathiawar, Baroda, Junagadh, Nawanagar, Bhavnagar, etc., have already taken possession of the attached areas. The initial difficulties, which were bound to arise, are being felt, but it seems almost certain, that in no circumstances the Government are prepared to accept any suggestion for alteration in the announced scheme.

It is rumoured that the Talukdars of Bhoyaka, Thana, attached to Limbdi State, are deciding to refuse to accept the sanads, as they are not prepared to accept and abide by the terms laid down in the Instrument of Attachment. If this attitude is really taken up by these Talukdars, a serious situation will arise and it will be watched with keen interest by those, who were unwilling to be attached to particular States, as done by the Government; in order to find out whether they, too, get an opportunity of getting out of the tight hole.

The scheme affecting 3rd and 4th class States, is understood to have been withheld for sometime. Government do not seem to be in a mood to make a hasty move and invite multiplied opposition. The 3rd and 4th class States have been given sufficient time to choose, "voluntarily", to which State they desire to be attached. However, these States have put up an alternative proposal to allow them to form their own grouping on basis of the scheme known as "Orchha-scheme", with necessary changes for adaptibility here. This is not considered likely to be accepted by the Government.

The new administration of the attaching States in the attached areas cannot be called to be very smooth at the outset, but it is probable that things will automatically settle down.

DRIFTING QUILL-DRIVERS TO BE CONTROLLED?

CALCUTTA, July 3.

It is understood that the Government of India are taking steps in respect of their clerical personnel to prevent drift for the purpose of securing higher remuneration from one office to another. It appears to them that there is no actual shortage of clerical or administrative personnel but that there is an increasing demand for clerical personnel with some experience and that unless steps are taken there is likely to be waste of manpower as a result of individual offices training clerks for their work who subsequently leave them to better their prospects.

Government are not aware whether such tendency of drift is occurring in industrial and commercial undertakings and whether such undertaking have developed any schemes for preventing such drift. The Government have directed an enquiry to find out whether it is generally felt that there is any shortage in respect of clerical personnel in industrial and commercial undertakings leading to undesirable competition as between various undertakings for available clerical personnel and whether if such undesirable competition in fact exists any steps have been taken to control it by commercial organisations.—U. P.

Craft Education In Ahmedabad

An Educationist writes:—

The Ahmedabad School Board has a notable record for excellent work. There are some 92 children's co-operative societies. Particular attention is paid to encouraging Muslim girls' education but there is true need for Mussalman women teachers. There has been a 40 per cent increase in the school-going children of the backward classes. This work begun under Congress influence is continued by the present Committee but the most attractive part is the craft work done by pupils in schools. At Barwala excellent blotting paper is made. At Ranpur coir mats etc., are made. At Modasa lamps wicks and sashes are made. At Dholka spinning is perfect but the worthiest example of a crafts school is that of Ambli School, 10 miles from Ahmedabad, with its agricultural operations and carpentry, smithy and hand-weaving as supplementary industries. The major portion of the work is given to students. Each student earned about Rs. 40 in the year and wears self-woven clothing. This excellent work is done under the initiative and enthusiasm of the efficient administrator of the Ahmedabad District School Board Rao Saheb Pritamrai V. Desai who is noted for the co-operative housing in Ahmedabad which is considered exemplary in the co-operative world. All School Boards in Gujarat should be profited by this example.

SIX BYE-ELECTIONS IN N. W. F. P.

Congress Hindu Sabha Co-operation

PESHAWAR, July 3.

With the official announcement regarding the dates of polling in connection with the bye-elections in four Muslim and two General Constituencies of the Frontier Assembly both the Congress and the Muslim League have started their election campaigns. The Muslim League Parliamentary Board has already nominated Nawab Nasrullah Khan and Arbab Sher Ali Khan for he Frontier towns and the Khalies Rural constituencies respectively, while the names of candidates for the other two constituencies are expected to be announced shortly.

Sardar Aurangzeb Khan, Premier of the N.W.F.P., who had proceeded on tour to Abbottabad is returning to Peshawar this evening. He is expected to announce the nomination of the Muslim League candidate for the Peshawar City Constituency in a day or two. The sub-committee appointed by the Muslim League Parliamentary Board is also expected to announce the nomination of a candidate for the Amaoai Constituency shortly.

The Congress leaders also held informal talks yesterday in connection with the selection of candidates but no final decision was made.

Dr. Khan Sahib and Khan Allgul Khan accompanied by Rai Bahadur Mehrchand Khanna, left for Bannu this morning to interview the candidates who want Congress and Mahasabha support though the Mahasabha is not contesting the bye-elections officially, it is understood that Rai Bahadur Khanna is putting up his men with Congress support, provided suitable Congress candidates are not available. The final decision is expected to be made at a meeting of the Provincial Congress Parliamentary Board to be held on the return of the leaders to Peshawar.—A. P.

WORK OF CONGRESS MEDICAL MISSION TO CHINA PRAISED

Dr. Basu Pleads For Help For Another Mission

CALCUTTA, July 4.

The sending of such a medical unit as the Congress Medical Mission to China at a time when she was greatly in need of it, had been most appropriate, and it had rendered invaluable service to the Chinese people, said Dr. Basu, who has just returned to Calcutta, being the last member of the Congress Medical Mission to leave China.

Dr. Basu after enumerating the difficulties the Chinese army has to contend with pleads for further medical aid from India which he says will be of great help to her. This will not only unite the two great countries closer; but will help each other in fighting the common enemy."

Dr. Basu wished to go back to China as early as possible with another Medical Mission, and for this he appealed to his countrymen for help. He has brought with him two letters one addressed to the members of the Indian National Congress and the other to the Communist Party of India. Both the letters are signed jointly by Mr. Chuteh, Commander-in-Chief of the 8th Route Army, with whom the mission had worked, and Mr. Maotesetung, Gen. Secretary of the Communist Party of China.—A. P.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"Replying to questions the Government stated in the Orissa Assembly yesterday that there had been cases of death due to starvation in the Province. Seventy cases of death due to malnutrition had been reported by the District Magistrate of Balasore.

—Cuttack Report.

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Welcoming I.A.F. officers to Britain Lord Wavell said that it took him many telegrams, when Commander-in-Chief to arrange for their training in Britain.

We can believe it. One or two telegrams couldn't possibly have secured Indians this er—er—privilege?

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According to Mr. Joshua Leibner, a Zionist Delegate, visiting Bombay, Palestine offers the only scale solution to the Jewish Problem.

Naturally, because, you see, the Arab and his thousand year old national rights do not count. Infact, he should, as hitherto, be regarded as non-existent.

And any how he can be dealt with much more easily—can't he—by the weapons, of the Allies of the Jews than those Allies themselves.

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The Jewish National Home, insists Mr. Leibner, has brought prosperity to all sections of the population.

So have, the French brought prosperity to all sections in Indo-China and North Africa, the Dutch in East Indies, the British—well, Mr. Leibner oughtn't to need a list of THOSE, and the Whites in Africa, etc., etc.

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Mr. Leibner also tells us that since the last war the increase in the Arab population has been greater than the total Jewish emigration.

He doesn't say anything about the percentages then and now, which is rather disappointing but understandable.

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In Palestine, Mr. Leibner seems to have concluded in an ecstatic vision of the new World Order. Jews and Arabs would find a common solution to the benefit of both peoples.

As Plato's Republic did for the Greek citizens and their slaves.

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According to Reuter's Algiers correspondent. Frenchmen of the Left and Centre and some of the Rightists, too, stand behind General de Gaulle in the present political controversy.

That's why General Giraud has flown post-haste to Washington and the sympathetic State Department.

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A woman went into a bank to cash a cheque. The cashier asked her to endorse it, but she did not know what he meant.

"That's all right," said the cashier, "just sign your name exactly as you would on your letters, and I'll give you the money."

So she carefully wrote on the back of the cheque: "Your loving Mary."

PROCESSIONISTS LATHI-CHARGED

AHMEDABAD, July 4: Police made a mild lathi-charge to-night when a procession with lighted torches was taken out in Raipur locality.

One person was arrested when stones were thrown at Khadia Police Chowki.

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Bank Of Jaipur "Sets A Welcome Example" To Indian States

Sir M. Visvesvaraya Congratulates Directors While Opening Bombay Branch

Mr. Ramnath Podar in the course of his speech on the occasion of the opening of the Bombay Branch of the Bank of Jaipur on Saturday said:—

I welcome you all, on behalf of myself and the Bombay Local Committee as well as the Directors of the Bank of Jaipur, Limited. The chequered history of Indian banking shows that there are spring-tides and ebb-tides—times when banks are floated and prosper and times when they pass through a period of adversity and go into liquidation. We are at present passing through a phase, when new banks are being floated on a large scale, but this time with large paid-up capital. The number of Indian Banks with a paid-up capital over one lac in existence in 1939 was 702 and to-day it is 740.

LACK OF BANKING FACILITIES

The Indian States have an area of about 7,00,000 square miles, comprising about 750 towns and nearly 2,00,000 villages, with a population of about eight crores, as compared with India's total area of about 18,00,000 square miles and about 2,300 towns and about 7,00,000 villages with a population of about 40 crores. Such an important portion of India has very little modern banking facility except that, here and there, some branches of the Local State Banks and the Imperial Bank are found. For some reason or the other, Indian Joint Stock Banks have more or less ignored Indian India. With a view to consolidate the financial resources of such a vast country like ours, it is necessary that we should have banking organisations spread out in Indian States, as also in large cities and towns of British India. The Bank of Jaipur will serve, we believe, to unite British India and the Jaipur State commercially, financially and industrially. Far-sighted pioneers of banking in Indian States, like the late lamented Rulers of Baroda and Mysore, the latter being ably assisted by eminent statesmen such as our honoured guest Sir M. Visvesvaraya and our distinguished visitor, Sir Mirza Ismail paved the way for the development of banking in Indian States. This lead has been followed by other States like Hyderabad, Kashmir, Indore, Travancore, etc.

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA.

I now request Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya to declare open the Bombay Branch of the Bank of Jaipur Limited.

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA'S SPEECH

Sir M. Visvesvaraya in the course of his speech while opening the branch of the Bank of Jaipur said:

There is more than one reason why I am glad to participate this afternoon in the opening ceremony of the Bombay branch of the Bank of Jaipur. In the first place there is urgent need for the expansion of banking facilities all over the country; secondly, the promoters and Directors of this Bank have special qualifications and aptitude for the class of work which the Bank is expected to do; and it has also to be remembered that the establishment of this Bank is one of several important measures and reforms that are being carried out under the aegis of the present enlightened Ruler of Jaipur and his far-sighted and energetic Prime Minister Sir Mirza M. Ismail.

The absence of adequate banking facilities has been blocking the way to progress in many an Indian State. Only one State has so far established a branch bank in British India. By opening this branch in Bombay so soon after its own installation, the Bank of Jaipur has set a welcome example at the very threshold of its career. It is hoped the example thus set will be followed in quick succession by other important Indian States.

MARWARI INTEREST OF COMMUNITY

A feature of special interest associated with this new bank is that the Chairman and the leading members of the Board of Management are Jaipurians and members of the enterprising Marwari community belonging to the Shekhavati district of the Jaipur State.

The Marwaries, like the Natukoti Chetties or the Nagarthar community of South India, are money lenders noted for their prudence and thrift. When they save some money, they give their attention to business; and in due course many of them become industrialists. In recent years, they have been giving large contributions to public charities of a cosmopolitan character thereby rendering notable social service to their fellow men. Go to whatever part of India you may, you will find the Marwari community holding a prominent place in financial and commercial circles. They are at present among the richest and best informed Indian financiers found anywhere in this country.

COUNTRY'S MEAGRE BANKING FACILITIES

The number of banks at present working in India is understood to be 669 and branch banks working on modern lines 2,074. In the year 1938 the capital and reserves of all these banking institutions amounted to Rs. 13.13 crores and the deposits of Rs. 98.08 crores. With paper currency under present abnormal war conditions, it is understood that bank deposits have gone up to Rs. 600 crores. The figures collected by me nearly eight years ago showed that the banking deposits per capita in India then was Rs. 6.4; in the United Kingdom Rs. 698; and in the United States of America Rs. 1,123.

It would be a good step, it is thought, for bankers from all parts of India to meet in Conference periodically and build up a strong country-wide banking organization to encourage varied lines of work, such as, rural credit, industries, foreign exchange, etc.

AN INDIAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE BANK

The same, or a similar organization would be useful for bringing into existence a large Indian Foreign Exchange Bank by the combined effort of all the important Indian banks. The proposed bank should be equipped with a large amount of capital and it should have its branches in the most important cities of the world. The present foreign exchange banks confine their business to the principal ports and to a few Indian cities like Delhi, Cawnpore and Amritsar. A Foreign Exchange Bank for India is badly needed because it is difficult to obtain co-operation from competing foreign traders in developing export business. For many years past I have been hearing, in the course of my travels, complaints, from Indian traders stationed in foreign countries, of the disadvantages under which they laboured for lack of direct banking connections with India. By using foreign exchange banks, they stated that their business information had to be revealed to their commercial rivals and occasionally it cost them the loss of their business. This is one principal reason why Indian businessmen have been unable to control a substantial share of the export trade of their own country. Other reasons are I need hardly add, lack of Consular agencies to watch the interests of Indian trade, and absence of national shipping.

INDIA STILL ILL-EQUIPPED FOR PRODUCTION

Insufficient production from industries and agriculture is a great drawback in our country.

SIR MIRZA ISMAIL, DEWAN OF JAIPUR.

For production to be adequate, the country should be equipped in three respects, namely, tariff protection, banking facilities, and statistical measurement. But there is no organization to attend to these, there is no arrangement to provide these facilities. While the interest rate on loans is 3 per cent in Bombay, it was till recently 6 per cent in Jaipur and 7 to 9 per cent in Hyderabad. In places in the interior, rates based on personal security run up as high as 9 to 12 per cent. This is due to the lack of encouragement to industries, and to the illiberal character of the Administration generally in its approach to economic factors. There is idle money in the country awaiting investment and there are industrial undertakings which cannot be advanced for want of capital.

Handling money is no easy matter. In the case of the Jaipur Bank, however, the State will be at the back of the institution, and the management will rest in the hands of a Board of Directors consisting of business experts and tried leaders in finance. It is said that credit depends on confidence and confidence depends on character. There is therefore every promise that the Management will strive to uphold the best traditions of sound banking and will jealously watch the credit and reputation of the bank.

This branch bank therefore starts under favourable auspices and I wish it success and godspeed.

With these observations, Gentlemen, I have much pleasure in declaring this branch bank open.

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The Half-Column By "Dim"

I have received several letters to confirm the words of Churchill: "I am not ashamed of the word 'Empire'," and of the applause that followed. This should apparently still be on the AIR recording. In the circumstances, one is reluctantly compelled to come to the conclusion that this sentence was deliberately omitted from the Reuter message and that it was not intended to come to the notice of the Indian public. Somehow the instructions given to All India Radio must have arrived a little too late!

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I am bound to bring to public notice another stunt of the Dr. Lin Kai variety. In the issue before last "Blitz" boasts of a "Special Cable to "Blitz" from C. L. Sulzberger, the "New York Times" War Correspondent." I refuse to believe that Sulzberger of the "New York Times" sent a special cable to "Blitz" and further, I don't think Sulzberger has ever heard of "Blitz" magazine. I am, however, open to correction and would be satisfied with a photographic reproduction of the said "alleged" special cable to "Blitz." It is an ordinary article sent out by the local U. S. Office of War Information from among the hundreds they receive, admittedly by cable—but not to "Blitz"!

"Blitz" has acknowledged it as such and in the circumstances it is ridiculous to call it a special cable to "Blitz". Stunting is all right in journalism—and even an occasional "patting oneself on the back" but surely not to the extent to telling Indian readers of "Blitz" that Sulzberger has nothing better to do than send special cables to "Blitz". There is more of this type of stuff we can dish out—if necessary!

"DO NOT BOYCOTT ENGLISH LANGUAGE"

Sir Chimanlal's Plea At Women's University Convocation

A plea not to boycott English language and literature in pursuit of Swadeshi Nationalism was made by Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, delivering the Convocation address of the Shreemati Nathibhai Damodher Thackersey Indian Women's University, Bombay on Saturday evening.

Sir Chimanlal also urged that they should not worry too much about Government recognition and patronage, because Government support almost invariably meant Government control.

In the course of his opening speech Sir Sitaram Patkar the Chancellor of the University referred to the international and national situation and said: "Instead of availing of the opportunity of turning the nation into a virile and powerful state, there are let loose dissensions and differences tending towards helplessness, distrust and suspicion with forces of evil ready to pounce upon the country. It is the imperative duty of persons of all shades of opinion and political views at this juncture to sink their differences, and combine to avert the common danger, and secure not only the immediate but also the future happiness and welfare of this country."

After giving a detailed account of the history and progress of the University, Sir Sitaram stated that the number of students studying in the college is about 250 and the number of students studying in the high schools is about 4,500. This year 61 students had become graduates of this University and six had become B.T.'s and 21 had become Trained Primary Teachers.

Stating the arguments of those who were in favour of using the mother tongue as the medium of instruction Sir Chimanlal, in the course of his address stated that it would bring the student closer to the subjects she takes up and enable her soon to think for herself, supplement the materials her text books and her teachers place before her by her own independent observations and investigations, and eliminate from her work all were cramming and learning by rote. Instead of being merely a passive receptacle for information sedulously poured into her, she begins to offer intelligent and active co-operation from a very early stage and is thus in reality educating herself as much as she is being instructed and educated from above. Under these circumstances, the development of her faculties becomes much more natural and rapid and keenness is aroused in the subjects she is pursuing, nor merely for passing her tests, but for her own sake.

While insisting on the fundamental value of the mother-tongue for higher education, Sir Chimanlal made a plea for "extensive and adequate familiarity with English Language and literature, the secular Bible of freedom, modern humanism and individual self-realization."

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Monsoon Classes in several subjects, "viz"., Economics, Political, Theory, German, Italian, Spanish, French, Hindustani, Persian, Gujarati, Marathi, Chinese, Russian, lectures on Bradley, English Literature, Biology, Psychology, Radio Communication, Radio Servicing, and Photography. Term begins on July 5.

Programme can be had from Cama Institute, Museum, Bombay—1.

City And Suburbs

TODAY

Hindu: Ashad Shud 3, 1999
Muslim: Rajab 1, 1362.
Parsi. Behman 4, 1312.
Sunrise. 7-7 a.m. Sunset: 8-18 p.m.
Hightide: 1-12, 14-01.
Lowtide: 7-04, 20-07.
Municipal Corporation 2 p.m. (B. T.).

TODAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

FAREWELL PARTY: A Farewell Party at 4 p.m. in honour of Mr. Jiwanlal M. Gor, Inspector of Police, at the Bombay Central Police Station, in the compound of the Railway Station, on his being transferred to Viramgaum.

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION: The following Classes will begin to-day: German, French, Lectures on Bradley, Radio Communication, and Paychology in Everyday Life in St. Xavier's College, Elphinstone College, Wilson College, Radio Electric Institute and Wilson College at 6-30, 6, 6-30, 6-15 and 6-15 p.m. respectively.

MAZDAZNAN: The Monthly Indian Musical Concert at Mazdaznan Hall, at 6-15 p.m.

MUNICIPAL LOCAL COMMITTEE 'C' WARD: At the annual meeting of the 'C' Ward Local Committee Mr. Mohanlal Parekh has been elected President and Mr. J. H. Trivedi its Hon. Secretary for the year 1943-44.

INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER: Sir Chunilal B. Mehta has been appointed as Representative of Indian Merchants' Chamber on the Advisory Committee of the Ramniranjan A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics, Bombay.

WARDHA RASHTRABHASHA EXAMS: The Rashtrabhasha Prachar Examinations of the Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Wardha will be held on 28th and 29th August, 1943. Application forms will be accepted till 13th July at the office of the Hindi Prachar Sabha, Adenwala Mansion Choupati Seaface, near Wilson College, between 4-30 and 6-30 p.m.

SARASWAT VIDYARTHI SAHAYAK MANDALI: The Committee of Management of the Saraswat Vidyarthi Sahayak Mandali this year received 297 applications from students from all parts of the country for loan-scholarships, out of which 163 were granted aggregating Rs. 1,087 per month.

MUSLIM SOCIAL CIRCLE
(From A Correspondent.)

A new institution has been formed in Bombay, to create the spirit of social service among Muslims and to do some constructive work for the betterment and uplift of the Muslim community, is named the Muslim Social Circle, with Mr. Haji Hasham Ismail as the president, Mr. Hoosein A. Begmohamed M.L.A., and Mr. Mahomed Siddik Merchant, Bar-at-Law as Vice-Presidents; and Mr. Ibrahim Haji Mohamed Mistry as the Hon. Gen. Secretary. Many educated Muslim Youths have joined the Circle. Mrs. Khadija Shafi Tayabji, M.L.A., J.P., has been authorised to form a women's sub-committee of the Circle. The annual subscription of the Circle is Rs. 4.

The Government of Bombay has superseded Nandgaon Municipality for one year, from July 1.

CLOTH AT REDUCED RATES IN AHMEDABAD

Big Rush Of Buyers: 15 Mills Dispose Of Stock

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, July 3

About 15 mills have disposed of their stock by 15 to 25 per cent reduction in rates. More mills are likely to follow suit. Ahmedabad people have bought thousands of yards of cloth during this week from different shops at reduced prices. Queues of women and men gathered near shops to buy dhotis, saris and shirting.

It is understood several millowners are to open shops in different markets at cheap rates to dispose of their stock.

To Avert Cholera Outbreak

The District Magistrate of Sholapur has prohibited the import and sale of mangoes and melons within the municipal limits of Pandharpur from July 3 to July 23 during the Ashadhi Fair, as these fruits are a danger to the public health and a source of outbreak of cholera.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, July 3.	To-day's Price
July	20.49
October	20.02
December	19.86
Middling Spot	21.69

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New York, July 3.	
July	20.72
October	20.29
December	20.15
Middling Spot	20.75

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THERE HE IS. COME ON.
IT ALL LOOKS VERY PEACEFUL, DOES IT NOT?
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2nd "House-Full" Week
Daily: 5, 7-30, 10 p.m.
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OUR TABULATED ADLETS

8. LOST AND FOUND

Found—On 2-7-43 in B.B.C.I. local train in third class compartment (Men's) leather purse containing currency notes. Loser may apply personally Bhalchandra Narayan, Pushpa lila Dadyseth Road, Chowpatty with adequate proof between 8 to 10 a.m. or 6 to 9 p.m. (2029)

20. MATRIMONIAL

A Hindu Bachelor wishes correspondence in confidence, view marriage—any Hindu smart educated girl (Deccani preferred). Apply Box No. 2000 "The Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted a well settled preferably Nagar Brahmin healthy match of liberal and independent views not above 30 years of age, earning Rs. 100 to 150 p. m. for a cultured, handsome and healthy child-widow aged 22 years of a high class and well to do Nagar Brahmin family, well versed in household, needle work preparing for Matriculation. And also a handsome, healthy and educated match for a well settled Nagar Brahmin Bachelor of 32 years, earning Rs. 100|- p. m. For details correspond with Box 5023. "Bombay Chronicle."

42. SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted Assistant Editor for English Weekly. State experience and minimum salary acceptable. Post Box 5518, Dadar. (2026)

Wanted Experienced Stenographer male or female, for Attorneys Office. Apply to Messrs Chitre & Co., 35, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay stating qualifications and terms. 2016

Canvassors Bombay and upcountry. Salary 40|-, prospects medical products. Apply Post Box 868, Bombay. 2020

Wanted a short-hand typist for a Solicitors' Office. Those having previous experience in the line preferred. Apply Box No. 2018. "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted immediately experienced Graduate, B.T. preferred, to teach English in higher classes. Good starting salary to really competent man. Apply to Principal, Union High School, Surat. (5222)

Wanted (i) Demonstrators in Physics; B.Sc.'s with Principal Physics and (ii) Demonstrators in Biology; B.Sc.'s with Principal Botany. Apply stating minimum salary to Principal, M.T.B. College, Surat, before 10th July. (5232)

Wanted:—Two Dehradoon or Coimbatoor Returned Forest Rangers as Asstt. Forest Officers One in the Senior grade of Rs 105-15|2-150 and the other in the Junior grade of Rs. 75-5-100 Practical knowledge necessary Gujrati knowing will be preferred Apply with testimonials to the Chief Forest Officer, Junagadh State, Junagadh. (5230)

Everybody Secure Employmen' learning "Touch Typewriting" monthly Re. 1|-. Special Shorthand, Telegraphy Classes. Arrangement for ladies. National Typewriting Institution, Dwarkadas Mansion, Sandhurst Road Girgaum. (1992)

69. FLATS WANTED

Wanted a decent flat on hire immediately. Write particulars Box No. 2008, "Bombay Chronicle."

141. EDUCATIONAL ALDETS

The Civil Engineering School, Lucknow—(Government Recognised)—Candidates for admission to Overseer Class, Session July. 1943 are to apply now. Minimum qualification Matriculation with Mathematics. Examination conducted and Certificates awarded by the United Provinces Government Employment facilities. Merit Scholarships awarded. For Prospectus apply to the Principal. 4886

191. MEDICAL ADLETS

Diabetes, Vitality, Radical treatment in 30 days or money back—Doctor, Indo-Trading Co., Tiruvarur, (Madras). (1915)

322. MACHINERY FOR SALE

For Sale 4" Cooper's Patent Split Roller Bearings Pedestals. Apply to Messrs. Shadi Works, Batala. (1985)

652 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

For Sale:— Miroflex F 3.5 Zeisschange board C. B. type with telephones. Write to the Box No. 5024. "Bombay Chronicle."

For Sale:— Miroflex F3.5 Zeiss-Ikon Camera, excellent condition. Write with offers to A. M. Hakim, 246, Raviwar Peth, Poona. 2021

For Sale—Chromium plated single bed with spring mattress rupees one hundred also single iron-bed rupees thirty. Apply Box No. 2031, "Bombay Chronicle."

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Remington Standard Typewriter No. 12 in perfect working condition for sale. Apply: Aiyer, Guido Building, Hornby Road, Bombay. "Phone 31700." (2028)

174. BOOKS

"Problem of Sickness Insurance" By V. P. Keni, Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Bombay. Copies obtainable from Leading Book-sellers. (1998)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for the information of the public that copies of the Water Charges Rules for the year 1943-44 as sanctioned by the Standing Committee are now available for sale in the Office of the Hydraulic Engineer, at Napier Road, at annas 2|- per copy.

M. D. BHAT,
Municipal Commissioner
5275 for the City of Bombay.

G.I.P. RLY.—TENDERS.

THE CONTROLLER of Stores invites tenders for the purchase of scrap timber available at Jhansi. Forms obtainable either from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, or Asst. Controller of Stores' Office, Jhansi, at Re. 1/- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or cash only. Closing date 26-7-1943 at 3 P.M. (S.T.) 5175

NOTICE.

LARGE STOCK of best wines such as Scotch whiskies, Ekshwa and other brandies, Bourg Liquor Brandy (30 years old) and many other varieties, belonging to the Jhabua State will be sold by Auction at 9 a.m. on SUNDAY the 25th July, 1943, at Udai Niwas Kothi, Tukoganj Indore.

The above goods will be open for inspection from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on 24th July, 1943. Conditions and terms of sale will be announced at the commencement of the auction.

PRESIDENT
Council Jhabua State. C. I.
Dated Jhabua the 28th June, 1943. 5217

NOTICE.

AIR SERVICES OF INDIA LTD.

The Shareholders of the
Air Services of India, Ltd.

Sir/Madam,

You must have observed from the Company's Annual Reports as to how the Company's activities have been disturbed by the exigencies of the war. Owing to existing conditions over which the Directors have no control, there does not appear any possibility to resume the Company's services during the period of the hostilities. The activities of the air services are curtailed all over the world because civil aviation is severely controlled by the Governments to meet the requirements of the war.

Your Managing Agents were happy to inform and your Directors were glad to learn from them that the Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., was considering the question of investing money in shares of your Company and thought it advisable to put themselves in negotiation with the Scindia Company particularly as some shareholders had expressed a desire to sell their shares. Accordingly an offer has been obtained from the Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., by which they will buy available shares of Air Services of India, Ltd., at par at Rs. 7/8/- nett (i.e. Rs. 10/- less Rs. 2/8/- that are being refunded by the Company to the shareholders on the register on 1-7-43 under its scheme of capital reduction) provided the shares are sold to them on or before the 31st July, 1943. If you desire to sell your shares, you are requested to send your share certificates with the necessary transfer form and forward it to us as soon as possible before the above date duly signed. Payment for the shares will be made on presentation of the transfer form together with the share certificates.

Yours faithfully,
KABALI & CO., LTD.,
Managing Agents,
Air Services of India, Ltd.
Bombay, 3rd July, 1943.

Re: Estate of BAI SHIRINBAI, widow of Muncherjee Framjee Khan Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons claiming debts or liabilities affecting the estate of the abovenamed Bai Shirinbai, widow of Muncherjee Framjee Khan deceased who died at Bombay on or about the 7th day of January, 1940 and the Letters of Administration of whose estate having effect throughout British India were granted on the 27th day of May, 1943 to Khurshedcher Muncherjee Framjee Khan of Bombay are hereby required to send in their claims to the said Administrator at the Office of his attorneys Messrs. Jehangir Gulabbhai and Bilimoria at 14, Hummum Street, Fort, Bombay, within one calendar month from the date hereof at the expiration of which time the said Administrator will hand over the assets to the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice and no claims sent in subsequently will be recognised.

AND all persons indebted to or holding any securities or property belonging to the said deceased are hereby required forthwith to pay the amounts owing by them and or to deliver up the said securities or the property as the case may be to the said Administrator at the office of his said attorneys at their address aforesaid.

Dated this 5th day of July, 1943.
JEHANGIR GULABBHAI & BILIMORIA.
Attorneys for the
(5278) Administrator.

327 AGENTS WANTED

Wanted Wholesalers and Travelling Agents to sell our high class products of M. O. P. and Horn Buttons, Studs, Sleeves and Links, etc. Apply to Dhakeswari Button Works, Girard Road, Narayanganj, Bengal. 5022

651 MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

TENDERS will be received up to 1 p. m. (S.T.) on THURSDAY, the 15th July, 1943, for the supply of the following at the Port Trust Stores, Clarke Bunder, Mazagon, Bombay 10.

(1) 50 BARRELS, OIL COCOANUT PURE BEST QUALITY.
(2) 6 CASKS TALLOW MUTTON AUSTRALIAN.
(3) 15 CWTS. INGOTS TIN BLOCK OVER 99% PURE.
(4) 75 CWTS. GLUE MARINE BLACK.

Tender forms giving full particulars, can be obtained separately for each item, from the office of the undersigned on payment of Re. 1|- per each copy and will not be sent V.P.P.

R. C. MASTER,
Ag. Controller of Stores.
(5245)

G. I. P. RAILWAY
SPECIAL NOTICE.
ASHADHI FAIR AT PANDHARPUR—1943.

ATTENTION of intending pilgrims to Pandharpur for the Ashadhi Fair is invited to the Bombay Government's notification No. 411(1)/V dated 27th May 1943 restricting issue of rail tickets to Pandharpur and other stations mentioned therein. They are also warned that special transport facilities will not be provided by the railway owing to the heavy pressure of war traffic. 5271

THE TATA IRON AND STEEL COMPANY, LIMITED
NOTICE

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of THE TATA IRON & STEEL COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 28th July, 1943 at 4-30 p. m. (S. T.), at the Registered Office, Bombay House, 24, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors Report and Audited Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March, 1943 and to declare Dividends on First Preference, Second Preference, Ordinary and Deferred Shares.
2. To elect a Director in place of Mr. J. R. D. Tata, who retires by rotation and is eligible for re-election.
3. To elect a Director in place of Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E., who retires by rotation and is eligible for re-election.
4. To elect a Director in place of Sir Chunilal V. Mehta, K.C.S.I., who retires by rotation and is eligible for re-election.
5. To elect a Director in place of Mr. Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtoola, C.I.E., who retires by rotation and is eligible for re-election.
6. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 3rd July, 1943, to Saturday, the 31st July, 1943, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
TATA SONS, LIMITED,
MANAGING AGENTS,
A. R. DALAL,
Director.

Bombay, 3rd July, 1943.

NOTE:— If Dividends on Shares as recommended by the Directors are passed at the Meeting, the payments will be made to those shareholders whose names are on the Company's Register on the 28th July, 1943. The payments will be made on and after the 17th August, 1943. 5277

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ARDESHIR DADABHAI BARIA, RUSTAMJI DADABHAI BARIA and DR. DARASHA M. MEHTA, all of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 35, Dalal Street, Examiner Press Building, 2nd Floor, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Leasehold land or ground, containing by admeasurement 371 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 4665 and 4664 and Cadastral Survey No. 3576 together with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under 5(C) Ward No. 7052 and 7105 and Street Nos. 200 to 210, 201 to 207 and 34 to 92 Doctor Street, Mutton Street and Sandhurst Road and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the EAST by the Doctor Street, on or towards the WEST by Mutton Street, on or towards the NORTH by the property of Esufalli Sarafalli and on or towards the SOUTH by Sandhurst Road being Plot No. 20 Sandhurst Road East Estate and known as Dina Building.

Dated this 1st day of July 1943.
TAHER & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(5258)

PUBLIC NOTICES

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY
ANNUAL CONVOCATION FOR CONFERRING DEGREES
17TH AUGUST, 1943.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION for conferring Degrees will be held on TUESDAY, the 17th August, 1943. The 16th of July, 1943 is the LAST DAY for the receipt of applications and fees for admission to Degrees on the occasion. Forms of application may be obtained FREE OF CHARGE from the Registrar's Office or from the Heads of the affiliated Colleges.

S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.
Bombay, 26th June, 1943.
(5221)

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE
Purchase Branch Tender No. P|398|F

TENDERS are invited for the supply of Unpuentum Sulphuris B. P. Sulphur will be supplied by Government.

Tender forms which are not transferable may be obtained on payment of Rs. 6|-|- per set, which amount is not refundable from the Deputy Controller of Purchase, Office of the Director General, Indian Medical Service, New Delhi or from the Deputy Assistant Director General, (Medical Stores), Medical Store Depot, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras and Lahore Cantt.

Payment should be made in cash or money order quoting remitter's full address and the above tender number on the money order coupon—Tenders received up to 4 P. M. on 2-8-43. 5274

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAMODAR RAMCHANDRA AVAD for self and as Karta and Manager of the Joint Hindu family, consisting of himself, his wife, his children, his brother Vasant Ramchandra Avad and wife and children of the said Vasant and as the guardian of his minor son Prakash and Vasant Ramchandra Avad for self and as Guardian of his minor son Yeshwant have agreed to sell to our client the undermentioned property:—

All persons having any claim against or to the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lalgir Chambers, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise such claim will be considered as waived.

PARTICULARS OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece of freehold land with buildings and structures thereon situate at Gilder Street now known as Lamington Road, outside the Fort in Town and Island of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, admeasuring 2,886 sq. yds. or thereabouts and which is assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 1368 and 390, New Nos. 1382 and 13882, Old Survey No. 89 and 89 and New Survey No. 6910 and 6910, Cadastral Survey No. 249 of Tardeo Division and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under D Ward No. 4494 to 4497, Street Nos. 39-51, A/45, B/45 and C/45.

Dated this 5th day of July, 1943.
HASAN BAXI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
5272

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RAMKISHENDAS GOPALDAS KHATRI, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the below-mentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, survivorship, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement residence, occupation or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes, Bombay and to the undersigned at their Office at Lalgir Chambers, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof otherwise the sale may be completed without reference to such claims, if any, and the same will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL those two pieces or parcels of Fazandari land or ground now forming one plot situate, lying and being at 3rd Agiary Lane, without the Fort, in the registration Sub-District of Bombay containing by admeasurement 138 square yards or thereabouts registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 1382 and, Cadastral Survey No. 1386 of Bhuleshwar Division together with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under 6 (C) Ward Nos. 737 and 738 and Street Nos. 27-29-31 and which premises are bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the North by the house of Fidaali Abdul Rasool, on or towards the South by a partition wall and beyond that by the house of Hirachand Ratanchand, on or towards the East partly by a sweeper's gully and partly by the house of Motichand Katrak and on or towards the West by the 3rd Agiary Lane. The present Street Nos. are 23-25.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 1943.
JAMSEDJI RUSTOMJI & DEVIDAS,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(5251)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CURSETJI HIRJIBHAI SHROFF of Bombay Parsee Inhabitant has contracted to sell to our clients the property described below:—All persons having any claim or interest in or to the property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, lease, lien, charge, possession, trust, gift, inheritance, maintenance, easement or otherwise, howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office in Fort Chambers, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the publication hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claims and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

FIRSTLY:—All that piece or parcel of Khoti Maliki land or ground known as Dadarachi Khar situate at Kolhe-Kalyan in the Bombay Suburban District in Taluka South Salsette and the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, bearing Survey No. 377 and Pot No. 1, admeasuring One Acre and two and a quarter Gunthas together the messuage tenement or dwelling house of a bungalow standing thereon, bearing House No. 24B of the Notified Area Committee Santa Cruz Circle and bounded on the East by the Gowan of Ardesir Hormusji Wadia, on the West by the land of Anthomary, wife of George De Mello, on the North by the lands of Dadaji Hiraji Kawli and Bhawoo Damodar Rawoot and on the South by the land of Ardeshir Hormusji Wadia.

SECONDLY:—All that land admeasuring 1213 1|2 Square Yards situate at Kolhe Kalyan in the Bombay Suburban District in Taluka South Salsette particulars of which are as follows:

Survey No.	Hissa No.	Land in Assessment. square yards.
446	part of 1	1213½ 0-0-0

and bounded on or towards the East and West another land of the Khot bearing Survey No. 446 part of Hissa No. 1, on or towards the North land bearing Survey No. 377 and Hissa No. 1, on or towards the South land belonging to Khot bearing Survey No. 446 part of Hissa No. 1 (land kept for the use of the Khot 16 feet in width for road purposes and beyond that Military Road).

Dated this 1st day of July, 1943.
NANU HORMUSJI & CO.,
5263) Purchaser's Attorneys.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mrs. MITHAN J. LAM (formerly Miss Tata) of Bombay has agreed to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property for anything whatsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 35, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, as otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to such claim and the same if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece of Khoti (Alienated) land with buildings thereon, situate at Vasantapuram, Juhu, in the South Salsette Taluka, Bombay Suburban District, admeasuring 470 Sq. Yds. and bearing No. C. 1. of The Vasanta Theosophical Co-operative Housing Society, Limited and Municipal No. R. 45 and bounded, on the East by Plot No. B. 1 of the said Society, on the West and the North by the Colony Road, and on the South by Plot No. B. 17. of the said Society.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE.

Mr. MANOOBHAI DOONGURSEE, the Executor of the last Will and Testament of Baj PARVATIBAI, widow of Shivji Shamji Joshi has contracted to sell the undermentioned property, situate at Kirol (Ghatkopar) in the Bombay Suburban District. All persons having any claims whatsoever against or to the said property are hereby requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at 41|45, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to such claims and the same, (if any) will be considered to have been waived.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

FIRST:—ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground together with the messuage tenements or dwelling houses standing thereon situate, lying and being at Kirol in the Bombay Suburban District and in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra and Registration District of Thana now Bombay Suburban containing by admeasurement 1361 Square Yards or 11.1|4 Gunthas be the same little more or less and bearing Survey No. 41 Pot No. 2 and the assessment for which is Rs. 1-6-0 per year.

SECONDLY:—ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground together with the messuage, tenements or dwelling houses standing thereon situate lying and being at Kirol in the Bombay Suburban District and in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra and Registration District of Thana now Bombay Suburban containing by admeasurement 858 Square Yards or thereabouts be the same more or less and being a portion of Tikan Chikan bearing the Survey No. 41 Pot Nos. 1, 5 and 8 and the assessments for which is Re. 1-4-0 per year.

Out of the properties first and secondly described the Dharamshala property admeasuring about 90.2|3 Square Yards is excluded from sale.

Dated this 1st day of July, 1943.
MINOCHEHER MANCHERSHAH HIRALAL & CO.,
5239 Purchaser's Attorneys.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

Mr. VELJI LAKHAMSEY NAPOO of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the under-mentioned property to our client Jayantilal Pragjibhai Parekh.

ALL PERSONS having any claim against the said property, by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, or in any manner howsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at Tamarind Lane, Alli Chambers, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from this date, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of leasehold land, containing by admeasurement 1162 square yards or thereabouts situate on and being plot No. 307 C of the Dadar Matunga Estate of the Corporation of the City of Bombay in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay, which piece of land forms portion of New Survey No. 849 and bears Cadastral Survey No. 290|10 Matunga Division together with the tenements or buildings standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under F Ward Nos. 7492(3) 7492(3A) and 7492-(3B) and Street Nos. 1059B, 1059-BB and 1059BC all which premises are bounded, on or towards the North-East by Plot No. 307B of the said estate leased to H. A. H. S. Bhandiwalla, on or towards South-East by 60 feet Lakhamsey Napoo Road, on or towards the South-West by land of the Corporation laid out as a garden and on or towards the North West by the G.I.P. Rly.

Dated this 1st day of July, 1943
CHOKSEY & CO.,
Attorneys for Purchaser,
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COAL PRICES

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	Rs. as.
Super Jharias ..	10 8
Dishergarh ..	10 0
Poniati ..	10 0
Selected Jharias 13 seam upwards (excluding 16 seam) ..	9 12
Chanch ..	9 8
Sirka ..	9 6
Patmohna ..	9 4
16 Seam Jharia ..	9 0
Other Selected Jharias (excluding 10 seam) ..	8 12
Kajora ..	8 12
10 Seam Jharia ..	8 8

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The war is on us with its train of difficulties and miseries. Prices of all commodities have abnormally soared up. In spite of the very high prices of all articles of our line and much higher establishment cost, we so long kept down the price to pre-war level with great efforts, with a view to serving our countrymen. But things have come to such a pass that it is no longer possible to maintain the original rate. We have therefore been most reluctantly compelled to increase the price a little.

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